

REMARKS

Applicants submit that in view of the foregoing amendments the present application is in condition for allowance.

By the foregoing amendments claims 56-84 are canceled and claim 111 is amended, whereby only already allowed claims 85-111 are pending in the present application. The amendment to claim 111 serves to correct an obvious error in the claim dependency.

It is noted that the cancellation of claims 56-84 is without prejudice or disclaimer, and Applicants expressly reserve the right to prosecute these claims in one or more divisional and/or continuation applications. Also, the cancellation of claims 56-84 is not to be construed as Applicants' admission that these claims are not patentable over the documents cited by the Examiner. Rather, the cancellation of these claims merely is to expedite the issuance of a patent with the already allowed claims 85-111.


CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments, it is believed that this application is in condition for allowance, and an early issuance of the notices of allowance and allowability is earnestly solicited. If any issues yet remain which can be resolved by a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number below.

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